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RAJYA SABHA

PWD are likely to be completed by March, 2007 as per project-wise, location-wise and year-wise details given in the Statement (See below).

(d) No Sir. Funds allocated under maintenance and repair to State Government has increased from Rs. 53.52 Cr. in 2003-04 to Rs. 81.88 Cr. in 2004-05 and Rs. 101.42 Cr. in 2005-06.

Statement

Details of projects to be completed by March, 2007

Sl. No.	NH No.	Name of work	Sanction Year	Revised target date of completion	Reason for delay
1	12	Construction of High Level Bridge across river Ghar at Km. 376-& its approaches (revised as on Jaipur-Jabalpur road NH 12	31.3.98 & 1.6.05	31.03.07	Delayed by contractor and due to sanction of revised estimate
2	65	Widening of existing road from single lane to two lane from km. 94/500 to 118/0 of NH 65 (Fatehpur-Haryana-Border section)	12.2.04	31.03.07	(i) Delayed by contractor (ii) The work was rescinded and re-awarded in May, 2006
3	12	Widening to two lane in km 330/0 to 411/0 in selected stretches on NH-12	7.11.02	31.03.07	(i) Delayed by contractor (ii) The work was rescinded and re-awarded recently

New shipping agreement between India and Pakistan

†980. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of entering into any new agreement regarding shipping between India and Pakistan;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the ban imposed on part of both the countries after the 1971 war would be lifted under the said agreement; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken for scanning of Pakistani ships entering into Indian ports from security point of view?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) India had signed a Shipping Protocol with Pakistan in 1975 which resumed the shipping links between the two countries. A revised Protocol is likely to be signed shortly and is intended to remove restrictions imposed by the 1975 Protocol on lifting of cargo between the two countries by third country vessels as well as lifting of third country cargo by Indian and Pakistani flag vessels from each others' ports. Pakistani ships calling at Indian Ports will be subject to United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and other International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Conventions for checking or scanning them from security point of view.

Setting up a Committee to revive dispute resolution mechanism

981. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Committee to revive dispute resolution mechanism for National Highways Authority of India's development projects;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has also considered setting up an alternative dispute resolution forum consisting of legal, technical and management experts;

(c) if so, by when the Committee is likely to submit its recommendations; and

(d) to what extent, setting up of a Committee, would help in removing delays in implementing National Highway Development Programme projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Department